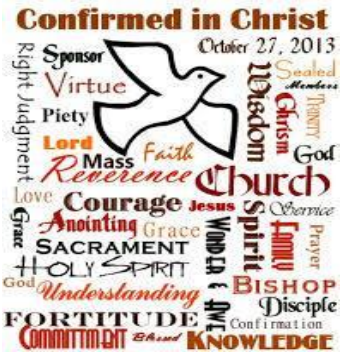
CONFIRMATION 2026-2027 Outline



August 23: Invitation letters to parents
TBA: Kick-off Swim party
October: Mentor Tea
April 2027: Overnight Retreat at our farm
May 2027: Graduation Ceremony

General:

- Each child will have a journal to track their progress
- Each child will have a volunteer mentor to discuss their faith journey
    - Children will host a "Mentor Tea" in October to welcome their mentors
    - Mentors will be asked to meet with their child at least three times and will be asked to introduce their child at the Confirmation Ceremony
- Confirmation group will come up with and lead a community-based project
- Class will participate in at least **two** church events such as Community Meal
- Confirmation group will be given the opportunity to visit other religious services

What they will learn about…	Some Questions…
Our Community of Faith Baptism and Confirmation What is a Christian and the Church Our Music and Worship Service Holy Communion Methodist Social Principles Missions and Outreach	What is confirmation? Why do we have confirmation? How is it different from baptism? How do we, as Methodists, use music in our services? Ask about each Sunday's service and ask what they understood and how can they apply it to themselves. Discuss the sermons. They have a hard time understanding them. Discuss daily social issues as they apply to our faith [I have a handout on this if you need a little guidance.] What kind of mission would you like to participate in when you get older?
Our Heritage & History ***Visit other religious services:*** Jewish, Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian… Starting with Abraham, we discussed the Jewish faith, the start of Christianity and our common heritage with all Christians Protestant History Methodist Heritage	Where was the birthplace of religions who believe in one God? When, how and where did Christianity start? Who founded the Methodist church? What is the tie to Georgia (HINT: Savannah)

What they will learn about…	Some Questions…
The Bible 🕊 Is the primary source of our faith 🕊 Is like a tool for your life and faith	🕊 What is your favorite scripture and why? 🕊 How is the Bible like a family photo album or a window? 🕊 How is the Bible like a mirror, map, compass or lifeline? 🕊 What tool(s) do you think the Bible is like?
Who is the God we worship? 🕊 Belief in God is the foundation of Christianity 🕊 We are made in the image of God	🕊 Who is God? [The source of all, eternal, holy, personal, with us, love] 🕊 What is the covenant God has with us? [God knows suffering & saves us. We will not be alone.] 🕊 What would God do? Think of some scenarios that your child may face in school or life and let them talk about what they would do and why.
Sin 🕊 Sin is a universal human reality 🕊 We put our faith in untrustworthy things (wealth, ourselves, power, popularity…)	🕊 Have you sinned? Want to talk about it? 🕊 What have you trusted? How did it disappoint you?
Prayer 🕊 We pray for many reasons & in many ways 🕊 Listening to God – developing a relationship	🕊 How do we talk to God? 🕊 How do we listen for God? 🕊 Can you talk & listen at the same time? Why not?